

# NOTES AND MEMORANDA

## Members' Meetings

TUESDAY, October 25th, 1949, at 5 p.m.  
"Intelligence and Fertility: an investigation of Scottish Children." *Speaker:* Professor Sir Godfrey Thomson, D.C.L., Ph.D., D.Sc.

This meeting will take place at Manson House, 26 Portland Place, W.1, and will be preceded by tea at 4.15 p.m.

Tuesday, November 15th, 1949, at 5.30 p.m. Subject and speaker to be announced later.

Tuesday, December 6th, 1949, at 5.30 p.m.  
"War and Eugenics: 1. Loss of Life caused by Fatal Quarrels. 2. International Marriage as a Pacifying Influence." *Speaker:* L. F. Richardson, D.Sc. (Physics), F.R.S.

These meetings will be held at the Rooms of the Royal Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, W.1.

## Maternity and Child Welfare

An excellent summary of the annual conference arranged by the National Association for Maternity and Child Welfare at Friends' House, London, on June 22nd, 23rd and 24th will be found in the August and September numbers of *Mother and Child*. The subject this year was the various aspects of "The effects of recent legislation."

## Social Research in the West Indies

The Commission on Higher Education in the Colonies recommended the study of the social sciences as being an essential part of the educational framework. The West Indies Committee of the Commission emphasised the importance of this recommendation, and plans were worked out by the Social Science Research Council. As a result, the Institute of Social and Economic Research of the University College of the West Indies has been brought into being. Financed by a British Government grant for five years in the first instance, the primary function of

the Institute is to integrate research in the social sciences in the Caribbean.

With headquarters in Jamaica, work will also be carried on in British Honduras, Leeward Islands, Windward Islands, Trinidad, Barbados and British Guiana, where the stage of evolution now reached—agriculturally, industrially and politically—opens a wide field for the study of the social integration of various racial groups.

## Reason and Belief

THE Rationalist Press Association announce six lectures beginning on October 4th, 1949, at 7 p.m.

October 4th: "The Nature of Rational Behaviour"; October 11th: "The Psychological Conditions of Rational Behaviour," by Brian Farrell, M.A., B.Litt.

October 18th: "The Domination of Social Beliefs Over Individual Ideas"; October 25th: "Reasoning in the Relations of Social Groups," by Max Gluckman, M.A., D.Phil.

November 1st: "Reason and Morals"; November 8th: "Symbols and Morals," by Meyer Fortes, M.A., Ph.D.

## Publications Received

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- The National Institute for Economic and Social Research. *Annual Report, 1948*.
- Neill, A. S. *The Problem Family*. London. n.d. Herbert Jenkins. Pp. 160. Price 7s. 6d.
- Nuffield Foundation. *Report of the Trustees for the year ending March 31st, 1949*.
- Oberg, Kalervo. *The Terena and the Caduveo of Southern Mato Grosso, Brazil*. Washington, 1949. Smithsonian Institution. Institute of Social Anthropology, Publication No. 9. Pp. 72. Price 60 cents.
- The Plain View*. April 1949. The Ethical Union, 4A Inverness Place, W.2. Price 1s.
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- Scottish Council for Research in Education. *The Trend of Scottish Intelligence*. London, 1949. University of London Press. Pp. xxviii + 151. Price 7s. 6d.
- Statistical Bulletin of Israel*. 1, July 1949. Hakirya, Israel Government Printer. Pp. xxx + 102. Price 500 mils.
- Sutherland, Dan. *Breach of Marriage: The Artificial Insemination Play*. London, 1949. Duckworth. Pp. 112. Price 4s. 6d.
- Tagliacarne, Guglielmo. *Demografia dell'India: Studio di Demografia a Comparata*. Studi Monografie della Società Italiana de Demografia e Statistica, N. 1. Piazza del Fante N.8, Rome.
- Vernon, Philip E., and Parry, John B. *Personnel Selection in the British Forces*. London, 1949. University of London Press. Pp. 324. Price 20s.
- Watson, E. *Social Biology and the Training of Teachers*. British Social Hygiene Council, Educational Paper, No. 3. Pp. 10. Price 1s.

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 Yugoslavia. *Preliminary Results of the Population Census of March 15th, 1948*. 1948. Pp. 42.

## REVIEWS OF BOOKS

### POPULATION

**Bertram, G. C. L.** *Population Trends and the World's Biological Resources*. Occasional Papers on Eugenics, Number Five. London, 1949. Cassell and The Eugenics Society. Pp. 38. Price 2s.

THE author is well known to us for his papers dealing with population and food supply and allied problems. In this pamphlet he paints a broad picture of the present position in the world at large, and the picture is not an encouraging one. He opens with a quotation of a pronouncement by Sir John Boyd Orr, to the effect that the human race may possibly, but only possibly, solve the food problem, and that if it is not solved "there will be chaos in the world in the next fifty years." We have the idea forcibly put before us of an underfed world, a world of limited food resources with a human population greatly on the increase, a world that now supports, with difficulty, a total human population more than twice as large as it was in the year 1800, a population which now appears to be increasing at the rate of about twenty millions each year.

So much for the debit side. On the credit side we must put the awareness of the condition of things by many writers on demographic subjects, with the result that a part

of the public knows that a problem exists. Mr. Bertram has a section on "Helpful Factors," including some paragraphs on increased areas of cultivation; and it is interesting to note that under this heading he rightly draws particular attention to the great irrigation system of India, covering some 70 million acres, or more than a hundred thousand square miles—not the least of the many benefits of past British rule. The author then deals with improvements in technique and the development of fisheries.

"The Hindering Factors," as described by the author are individual outlook, tradition and organization, personal choice of food, land degradation and irrational exploitation. He mentions specially a book published ten years ago by G. V. Jacks and R. O. Whyte, entitled *Rape of the Earth*, a world survey of soil erosion; also two more recent books, Vogt's *Road to Survival* and Fairfield Osborn's *Our Plundered Planet*.

The author is not afraid to mention Malthus, whose ideas were neglected and discredited largely on account of the expansion of area and population caused by "the throwing open to the world of the immense potentialities of the Americas." It is remarked that "there are far more people in the world to-day than can adequately be provided for by the amount of food available." He does not accept the suggestion that